



NEWSLETTER January 2008

New ILHV Executive Committee Members

Two committee members, John Belic and Wendy Stoffels, have had to step down from the committee. Pierre Apap and Rob Hatfield have agreed to act as members of the committee until elections for all positions are held later this year. John and Wendy are to be congratulated for their valuable contributions to ILHV and for the many hours they have devoted to inline hockey.

2008 Winter Season

At the Presidents' Meeting last November, clubs expressed concerns about the change made in 2007 to the age divisions, and in particular the change from a 10 & Under division to an 11 & Under division. The ILHV executive have agreed with the concerns raised at the meeting and have approved a return to the previous age divisions for the 2008 Winter Season. These are the 10's, 12's, 14's, 16's, 18's and 20's. Depending upon team nominations, divisions may be combined if there are not enough teams nominated in a division.

It is anticipated that the 10 & Under division will operate in a similar fashion to past seasons, but this will be up for discussion at the next Presidents' meeting.

Coaching Director

Ian Webster, who played a large part in Victoria's outstanding performance at the 2007 Nationals, has had to resign as Coaching Director due to work commitments. A new appointment to the position will be made in the next few weeks.

Australian Masters Games

The 12th Australian Masters Games will be held in Geelong from 20th February to 1st March 2009. ILHV plans to hold a Masters Inline Hockey Championship as part of the games, to be organized by Raul Aparicio at his rink in Geelong. Further details will be circulated as they become available.

Good Sports Project

For the past year, ILHV has been part of a research project funded by Sports & Recreation Victoria designed to establish a 'good sports environment' for players, parents, officials, spectators and administrators. The final report includes a number of suggestions for ILHV to consider. They include new Codes of Behaviour, improved policies and procedures, coach and official accreditation, tribunal processes and enforcement of rules and by-laws.

2008 Nationals

Expressions of interest for state coaching positions will be requested in March. A timetable for tryouts and team selection will be circulated as soon as the appointment of coaches has been finalised.

Club Presidents Meeting

The next Presidents Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 5th March will discuss plans for the 2008 Winter Season. Clubs are also encouraged to raise any other ideas that they have to improve the league competition or to undertake new initiatives to promote inline hockey.